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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ABORTIVE COUP

1. UK ASSISTANT DEFENSE ADVISOR WAS PRESENT AT NAF KADUNA HEADQUARTERS DURING MOST OF FEBRUARY 13. HE TOLD ME LAST EVENING THAT INITIAL NEWS OF DIMKA ATTEMPT RECEIVED BY NAF HERE ABOUT 0900 YESTERDAY. BASE COMMANDER, COL. ESHO, BUTTONED UP INSTALLATION AND "BRIEFED" STAFF. UK OFFICER WAS NOT PRESENT AT BRIEFING AND DOES NOT KNOW CONTENTS. AT ABOUT 1500 HOURS, ESHO TOLD HIM THAT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF YISSA-DOKO HAD CALLED FROM LAGOS TO ADVISE THAT CHIEF OF STATE AND ONE COLONEL HAD BEEN KILLED. AS IT BECAME CLEAR THAT DIMKA'S FORCE WAS "ONLY ONE PLATOON", DETACHMENT FROM BRIGADE OF GUARDS WAS DISPATCHED TO NBC BUILDING, WHICH DIMKA HAD SEIZED, TO DEMAND HIS SURRENDER. HE REFUSED. AT TIME OF YISSA-DOKO/ ESHO TELECON, BRIGADE OF GUARDS WAS IN PROCESS TAKING BUILDING AND REBEL SOLDIERS.

2. REPORTS/RUMORS OF DEATH OF CHIEF OF STATE WIDELY DISSEMINATED HERE. NIGERIANS AND EXPATS TO WHOM WE HAVE TALKED ARE PUZZLED AT LACK OF CONCRETE NEWS FROM FMG ON FATE OF MUHAMMED
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AND GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS IN WAKE OF COUP ATTEMPT.

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